

KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

March 13, 2023

Hybrid In Person and Zoom

Attendees

In Person:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Annette McCoubry	KJ6SWK
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Curt Smith	KM6HFT
James Marks	KN6VTC
Ednalee Warnecke	KN6VTY
Larry Nagle	WA6NYG
Craig Hayes	KN6CRN
Dan Goldstein	KJ6KEU

via Zoom:

Don Simon	NI6A
Jerry Michaels	K6KOP
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
David Swanson	KJ6AAT
Martha Richards	K6ELO
Michael Gold	AJ6RZ
Lorraine Schnurr	KN6CRT
Todd Teachout	W8BIK
Rob Johnson	KK6JNI
Kevin Hall	KB3WIU (currently expired)

Agenda:

Call to order/logistics

- Introductions
- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Agenda
- Treasurer's report

New business

- Spring SET date April 22, Sat. 10am - noon
- Potential tough shed operating location at UUCB
- Quick heads up on cross-band repeater test on 3/16 net to test expansion of 146.415

- simplex net range
- Future meeting schedule
 - April: Preparations for spring SET
 - May: Post SET discussion
 - June: Preparations for Field Day
 - July: Post Field Day discussion
 - August: Mike Patterson N6JGA, ARRL section manager
 - September +: possible presentation regarding KPH/MRHS and KPH field trip opportunity to follow

Old business

Outreach/PR/web

Tech./Infrastructure

Elmering

Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs

Training and Operations

- ARRL East Bay Section Emergency Coordinator, Dan Goldstein, KJ6KEU.

Meeting called to order.

The February membership meeting minutes, the agenda, and the treasurer's report were approved.

Business session

Spring SET

- The date for the spring SET is Apr. 22

Shed from Kensington available

- A Tuff-Shed is being removed from its Kensington location and we are looking into the possibility of having it moved to the Kensington UUC parking lot for use by KARO-ECHO and EBARC.

Crossband repeater trial

- We will be trying a 2M/70cm crossband repeater for the Thursday evening net to see if it can improve radio communication with members in the more northern area.

Training

- Guest speaker for the evening was Dan Goldstein, KJ6KEU, East Bay Emergency Coordinator and member of Alameda County Sheriff's Communication Team.
- Main points of the talk:

- It is assumed that primary sources will be overwhelmed and unable to help for some period of time.
- In an emergency, power, phone, and internet could be out for a week or more. Businesses that depend on the internet for cash registers, such as gas stations and grocery stores, could be closed. A cell phone might show “bars” but still not have service. Solar powered homes that contribute electric power to the grid might be automatically disconnected.
- Mutual aid, a voluntary exchange of resources and services by nearby persons, will be very important.
- An MOU or written plan is recommended.
- Be ARES certified whether it is level 1, 2, or 3.
- Develop a common strategy before an emergency.

Meeting adjourned.